COWBOY BEBOP

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A TERRORIST PLOT TO SABOTAGE THE INTERNET, A MAFIA/GOVERNMENT CONSPIRACY, AND A TRUCK DRIVING WIMP CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE - THE LIFE OF BOUNTY HUNTERS LIKE JET BLACK CAN BE RELATIVELY EXCITING. COWBOY BEBOP VOLME 3 ALSO TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT EDWARD, THE PLAYFUL, CAPRICIOUS, ENIGMATICALLY OPAQUE CHILD HACKER ON THE BEBOP, AS HER PAST CATCHES UP WITH HER IN THE FORM OF A COMPUTER VIRUS SHE DEVELOPED YEARS AGO ON EARTH. AND SPIKE MAY HAVE FOUND A GHOST FROM HIS PAST MANIFEST IN THE MOST UNLIKELY OF PLACES.

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THIS IS THE LAST VOLUME, WHICH CONSISTS OF TWO CHAPTERS. BOTH OF WHICH ARE TOO LONG. SO, FOR THIS CHAPTER I'LL BE SPLITTING IT INTO AROUND 30 PAGES, GIVE OR TAKE A FEW PAGES. SOME MAY NOTICE THAT PAGES 002-004 ARE MISSING, THOSE WERE JUST UNNECESSARY PAGES, ADS, ETC.

ENJOY!!!

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What is Cowboy Bebop?

Having ground Earth into a hovel for only the basest beast to roam, humanity has colonized the solar system, opening up virgin frontiers into which gangsters, thugs and crooks can sink their sinister claws. It's too much for the Inter Solar System Police to handle. So most of the time, these aberrations on the lily-white face of civilization have to be brought to justice by bounty hunters. And the best bounty hunters in the great vacuum of space call their home the Bebop. Spike Spiegel, Jet Black, Faye Valentine, Edward Wong Hau Pepelu Tirusky IV, and their data dog Ein cruise from one side of Sol to the other, hoping to land a bounty big enough to feed their thrill of adventure as well as their typically empty stomachs. These are the chronicles of the Bebop's crew, taking out crime one woolong at a time.

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Spike, Jet, Faye, Ed and Ein aren't the only quirky characters in the Solar System.

From the Bebop Files:

BOB

An ex-colleague from Jet's days with the ISSP, Bob owes Bebop's chief more than a few favors. When Jet needs to know the score from the inside, Bob reluctantly provides the info, as long as he doesn't have to get involved. He has a good heart under that bureaucrat-beaten hide, and through his exasperated snarl he probably envies the wanton cowboy ethos that Jet embodies.

TOMATO

When Edward lived in a gun-run orphanage on Earth, she and Tomato played around as hackers: dopey, bored kids learning to crack some of the most advanced computer security systems in the galaxy. Edward's sudden departure one day crushed the love-struck Tomato, who now must find Edward again to protect her from malicious forces aiming to exploit her hacking talents. But finding Ed again only means that Tomato has to lose her again.....

MIKE YAMADA

Mike's a father, trucker, husband—just a guy trying to keep afloat and provide a living, however paltry, for his small but loving family. Mike Yamada is a hapless sap, easily duped, easily confused, and eager to please. He suffers from self-esteem so low that it keeps him from excelling at much, but one brush with Spike Spiegel just might fill his spirit with the gusto for living he has so longed for. He also bears a striking resemblance to Mao Yenrai, one of Spike's former bosses from his days with the Syndicate... and a close personal friend to the nearly friendless bounty hunter. Mao was killed by Spike's nemesis, Vicious, before Spike was able to reconcile with him.

DAMMIT!!
HE'S A NIMBLE LITTLE SUCKER.
KITTY! KITTY!
HOW LONG CAN HE KEEP THIS UP?
BUT HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S ALONE.
THIS'LL BE NICE AND EASY.
PUT THAT THING AWAY!
I'M NOT GONNA HURT 'IM, JUST...
HEY, WHAT DID PAPA RICARDO SAY?

KI-TTY!
SHIT ...
SO, KEEP YOUR COOL.
THAT WE HAD TO HANDLE THIS CAREFULLY.
LET'S GO.
WAAH!
WAAH! WAAH!
MEOW
MEO-W
GRANNIE, HE'S CRYING!
WAAH!
MEO-W
GRAN-NIE!
I CAN HEAR YA STOP SCREAMING!

WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER

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... AND NOW, A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCE-MENT FROM THE ISSP.
THIS MONTH IS TRAFFIC SAFETY MONTH.
IS YOUR PILOT'S LICENSE UP TO DATE?
... HMPH
IF NOT, WE ADVISE YOU TO RENEW AHEAD OF TIME.
IF YOU DO NOT RENEW --
QUIT SHOVIN'
I TOOK OFF WORK TO COME HERE!
... UNDER ARTICLE 867 OF THE TRAFFIC CODE...
!AAGH!

GOOD GRIEF.
NO. 392
NEXT NO
HEY! HOW LONG ARE YA GONNA MAKE US WAIT?
I'VE BEEN STANDIN' HERE FOR AN HOUR ALREADY!
I... I'M SORRY, BUT THE COMPUTERS HAVE JUST GONE DOWN...
WHAAA?
AUGH
SIGH
AND NOW, A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCE-MENT FROM THE ISSP.
I GUESS I'LL COME BACK LATER...
THEY BROKE DOWN? IS THAT WHAT HE JUST SAID?
WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE? I WANNA SEE THE MAN IN CHARGE!
EH? WHAT'S GOING ON?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
THIS MONTH IS TRAFFIC SAFETY MONTH

...WHAT THE?
COME ON! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

YEAH! THIS IS A WASTE OF MY LIFE!
YOU'LL TAKE CASH, RIGHT?
LOOK, I'M YOUR CUSTOMER HERE!
THAT AIN'T MY PROBLEM.
...THE MACHINE IS BROKEN, AND...
THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT!
AND NOW YOU WON'T SELL US ANY TICKETS?! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY BUSINESS SENSE?!
YOU MAKE US WAIT ALL THIS TIME, BUILDING UP DEMAND ...
BU, BUT YOU SEE..
YOU TELL 'IM, LADY.
P-PLEASE, CALM DOWN!
NOW STOP QUIVERING LIKE A BABY AND GIVE ME 6-7!
GIMME 3-1! 3-1!
HEY! WE DECIDED ON 5-2!

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2
IT DIDN'T JUST START, DID IT? HOLD IT!
IT'S NUMBER 6.
6
NUMBER 6 IS IN THE LEAD!
B-BUT ...
IF 6-7 COMES IN, YER GONNA PAY OUT, RIGHT?! RIGHT?!
HEY, LOOK!

A...AAUUGH...
NUMBER 6.
NUMBER 7 IS CLOSE BEHIND.
THEY'RE COMING AROUND THE FINAL CORNER.
FINAL LAP
NUMBER 6.
6
NUMBER 7.
AUGH!

...MY..
...6-7...?

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GAH!
!

GKUK!
?
!?
GUU!
ミルド…?
ウィーン
WAH ...?
JU..GI...

GAH!
DIDN'T YOUR MOTHER EVER TEACH YOU TO KNOCK BEFORE BREAKING IN?
EH? WHAT DO YOU WANT? SPILL IT.
GEH..
YOU...

STEN?
WELL IF IT ISN'T STEN!
I'M LOOKING FOR RADICAL EDWARD?!
WHAT'RE YOU DOIN'? IF YOU NEED TO TALK TO ME, THERE ARE EASIER WAYS OF GOING ABOUT IT...
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU.
WAH..?
DON'T YOU KNOW ?!
OH, SO YOU BEND THAT WAY, DO YOU?
N-NEVERMIND, JUST HAND OVER EDWARD OR ...!
HUH ?

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DUNNO. MUST BE HANGIN' AROUND SOME-WHERE.
AND I WAS FINALLY GETTIN' A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP TOO.
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SHADDUP, MUTT! I'M NOT GONNA FEED YOU!
クゥーン…
.. HUH?
--STEN?
HE A BOUNTY HUNTER TOO?
YEAH. HE DECIDED TO "DROP IN" UNAN-NOUNCED.
THAT BASTARD.

YOU CAN ACTU-ALLY READ THAT?
AMAZING!
LEAV-ING HOME?
WHAT IS THIS?
LOOKS LIKE A MES-SAGE.
FROM ED
SO WHAT HAPPENED? YOU DIDN'T JUST HAND HER OVER TO HIM, DID YA?
NO, SHE'S BEEN GONE SINCE THIS MORNING.
BIG SHOT
BIG SHOT
WHAT'D SHE DO NOW?
PROBABLY HACKED HER WAY INTO SOMETHING DANGEROUS.
AGAIN
INVEST-ING YOUR MONEY IN THE "DOGS" AGAIN, EH?
EVERYBODY'S GOT THEIR THING.
I TOOK SOME OF THAT EXTRA REWARD MONEY AND LAID IT DOWN ON SOME SURE-FIRE PUPPIES.
SPEAKING OF HACKING.
I HAD A REALLY BAD DAY TODAY

WAIT A MIN-UTE!
AN' I COULDN'T EVEN WATCH THE DAMN RACE 'CUZ, THE SCREEN FROZE ON SOME WEIRD PICTURE, AND...
OH SHUT UP
THE MACHINE CRASHED 10 MIN-UTES BEFORE THE RACE!
HUH?
HOW'D YOU KNOW THAT?
THAT STRANGE PICTURE. IT WAS A ROUGH SKETCH OF A PLANET, WITH AN X-MARK ON IT, WASN'T IT?
JET?
--AND IN GLOBAL NEWS.
REPORTS OF COMPUTER CRASHES ALL OVER MARS HAVE BEEN POURING INTO THE STATION.
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ISSP OFFICIALS SUSPECT THAT THE COMPUTER FAILURES ARE THE RESULT OF A VIRUS, BUT DETAILS ARE STILL UNAVAILABLE. AN INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN LAUNCHED.
THE ISSP IS COORDINATING THEIR EFFORTS WITH THE NET CORPORATION SOLAR WORLD WEB...
...AND DEVOTING ALL OF ITS MANPOWER TO ROOTING OUT THE SOURCE OF THE VIRUS AND DEVELOPING A VACCINE.
CAUTION
... YEAH. I SAW IT TOO.
THAT'S THE SAME PICTURE I SAW!

HOOO-OOW 'YA ALL DOOIN'!
IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER BIG SHOT!
TODAY'S TOP BAD GUY IS NONE OTHER THAN THE LEGENDARY HACKER...
...YOU DON'T SAY.
カシャ
カシャ
BIG SHOT
RADICAL EDWARD UNKNOWN
OH BOY! HE'S UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS AGAIN.
RADICAL EDWARD!
AND IT'S A WHOPPING...
BUT THIS TIME HE GETS A MUCHO BOUNTY ON HIS BOTTOM.

50 MILLION WOO-LONGS!
IT'S THE BIGGEST BOUNTY IN BIG SHOT HISTORY!
NO WAY!
WOOOOW! I WONDER WHO WANTS TO CATCH HIM SO BAD?
BUT IT WON'T BE EASY. WE DON'T KNOW EDWARD'S AGE, EDWARD'S HOWETOWN.
ACTUALLY, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT EDWARD LOOKS LIKE, JUDY.
OO~~OH, SO MYSTERIOUS! GOOD LUCK, EVERYBODY!
ED'S REALLY DONE IT THIS TIME.
50 MILLION ...

BUT IF SHE DID DO IT... WHY?
NOTHING THAT GIRL DOES MAKES ANY SENSE.
HEY, JET.
YOU DON'T THINK ED HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH...
DON'T KNOW.
WELL, IF WE FIND HER, WE CAN ASK HER IN PERSON, RIGHT?
COME ON, FAYE ...
YOU'RE JUST AFTER THE 50 MILLION.
YOU'RE MAKING ME SOUND LIKE A HEART-LESS BITCH.
I'M GENUINELY CON-CERNED!
YEAH ABOUT THE MONEY
RIGHT, EIN?
BARK!

SO, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
SOME-THIN' DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT.
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
THE TIMING IS TOO GOOD.
JUST SIT HERE ON OUR ASSES UNTIL THAT GIRL DECIDES TO WANDER BACK?
WELL, WE CERTAINLY AREN'T GETTING ANYWHERE LIKE THIS.

LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN TURN UP.
DAMMIT!
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THAT STUPID KID...
OVER...
...THERE!

WELL, IF YA' WANNA FIND OUT ABOUT A KID, ASK OTHER KIDS, RIGHT?
HEY, WHERE YA' GOIN' GUYS?
HERE. TAKE A GOOD LOOK. ANY OF YA' SEEN HER?
!
WE ALL POUNCE LIKE DOGS ON A BONE.
...IF IT'S NOT ONE, IT'S ANOTHER

I WAS SURE SHE'D BE SKIPPING AROUND HERE ...
DROOLING.
... BUT YOU ...
I'VE SEE YOU BEFORE.
HUH ?
COME ON, JUST LOOK AT THIS PICTURE...
I TOLD YOU. I AIN'T NEVER SEEN THE KID.
A COUPLE OF BRUIS-ERS' BEEN ASKING 'BOUT YOU. MISSY.
YOU'RE A PRETTY FINE CATCH, SIS. YOU'RE THAT DOLL FROM THE BEBOP.

IF YOU WANT TO AVOID GETTIN' HURT...
DROP THE SEARCH FOR ED.
HUH? WHAT'RE YOU SAYING BOB?
YOU'RE ON REAL DANGEROUS GROUND WITH THIS ONE.
THIS AIN'T BEEN PUBLICIZED, BUT...
THE BOUNTY ON ED COMES FROM THE EARTH GOVERNMENT.

WHAT THE HELL DID EU DO?

OH, AND SPEAK-ING OF EARTH.

WHO KNOWS? THAT'S ALL I KNOW

THE EARTH GOVERN-MENT?!

WHY WOULD THEY...

...THEY'VE TRACED IT BACK TO A HACKER ON EARTH.

THE COMPUTER VIRUS ALL OVER THE NEWS...

A HACKER ON EARTH?
SO, WHAT ABOUT IT?
THEY THINK ED WORKED THIS HACK BACK WHEN SHE WAS ON EARTH?
TERRORIZING THE EARTH GOVERN-MENT?
THAT'S JUST NOT LIKE HER AT ALL.
AND EVEN IF IT WAS HER...
SO, WHAT HAVE YOU GUYS FOUND?
SQUAT.
THE ONLY THING I'VE DUG UP IS A SQUAD OF OTHER BOUNTY HUNTERS WHO DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, EITHER.
SAME HERE.

ED?
You've got m@il
JET!
WHAT IS IT, EIN?
?!?!?!
?!
WHO'RE YOU?
---ED...
IS ED THERE ?!
WHERE'S ED?
ISN'T ED THERE?
YOU'RE THE PEOPLE FROM THE BEBOP, RIGHT?

SHE'S NOT HERE.
WHO ARE YOU ...
AAUGH!
SHE'S REALLY GONE...!
BECAUSE I LET THOSE GUYS TAKE THAT PROGRAM...
IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
CALM DOWN. DO YOU KNOW WHERE ED MIGHT BE?!
AND WHO ARE "THOSE GUYS?"
NET TERRORISTS.
THEY'RE AFTER HER.
SHE...
ED IS IN DANGER!!

THEY SENT HER MAIL TO MY ACCOUNT ASKING TO SET UP A MEETING.
WHERE?
I'M SENDING YOU A MAP RIGHT NOW.
HOLD IT, WHAT'S YOU'RE NAME?
AND HOW DO YOU KNOW ED?
MY NAME IS TOMATO.
I'M A HACKER FROM EARTH.
BEFORE THIS, ED...
AUGH! THEY'RE HE...
CLICK
...

LET'S GO.
NOT COM-ING.
NOT COM-ING.
NOwwt COMING.
RADICAL EDWARD!!

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GOTCHA! I AIN'T LETTING YOU OUTTA MY SIGHT, MY LITTLE 50 MILLION WOOLONG SUNSHINE!
AT LEAST NOT UNTIL I COLLECT! HA HA HA!
YOU'RE RADICAL EDWARD, AIN'T YA?
HUH ?
YOU SENT ME A LETTER~ LETTER?
HUH ?
LET ED GO, STEN.
SPI- SPI~~~*
ALWAYS A STEP BEHIND, EH, SPIKE.
THE 50 MILLION IS MINE!
*NOTE: SHORT FOR "SPIKE-SPIKE." ED SOMETIMES REPEATS PEOPLE'S NAMES.

BUT WHO'S A STEP BEHIND YOU?
NOW BE A GOOD BOY AND LET ED GO.
FAYE-FAYE!
ACK
ARE YOU OKAY, ED?
HUH~~
DAMMIT!
YOU THINK I'M JUST GONNA LET YOU TAKE OFF WITH HER?

DAMN YOU!
HYAH!
AIYAA!!
WHO SENT ED THE LETTER?
GAH!
BASTARD
MEOW
AH!

KITTY!
KITTY!
KITTY!
EDWARD?
HO, HOLD IT!
HOLD IT! TIME OUT!
ED'S GONE!!
WHAT?

STOP SCREWING AROUND!
FIND HER!
GET BACK HERE STEN! DAMN YOU!
WE'VE BEEN SET UP.
SHIT! NET TERRORISTS, HUH?
NEVER LIKED THEM.

CROSS
WE'VE ARRIVED. GO ON IN.
AH!
YOU'RE BACK!
DID YOU BRING ANY PRES-ENTS?

BEGIN-NING ACCESS ---
AMAZING! YOU FIGURED OUT THE PASSWORD?
I DID TOO!
EDWARD.
WAIT HERE.
I'LL BRING HIM.
THE PERSON WHO SENT ME THE LETTER?
THAT'S RIGHT. NOW DON'T RUN OFF.
ED!

AAAAAH!!!
ED!
ARE YOU OKAY, ED?
WHO ARE YOU?
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I'M SO SORRY! IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER IN SO LONG...
SO YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME.
HEART-BROKEN
EH HEH HEH~~~
THAT'S ED FOR YOU...
I'M SORRY IF MY MEN WERE ROUGH WITH YOU.
YOU'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE NOW...
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR THIS!

WELCOME, RADICAL EDWARD...
...TO CROZ'S HOME BASE.
I'M RICARDO.
I'M THE BOSS HERE.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WE COULD THINK TO BRING HERE.
WE NEED YOUR HELP...
...TO MAKE OUR DREAM A REALITY.

SINCE YOU WERE BORN ON EARTH, YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND.
OUR PLANET NOW LIES IN VIRTUAL RUIN.
MOST OF THE CITIES HAVE TURNED TO RUBBLE.
MOST OF THE PEOPLE HAVE FLED TO SPACE.
THE POPULATION CONTINUES TO SHRINK.
THE EARTH IS WOUNDED. WHAT IT NEEDS RIGHT NOW, MOST OF ALL, IS THE STRENGTH OF ITS PEOPLE,
AND YET THEY JUST ABANDON HER LIKE AN OLD RELATIVE DECAYING IN A NURSING HOME!
UNGRATEFUL, TRAITOROUS SCUM!
AND WHAT'S WORSE... THEY SPEW SWEET WORDS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE PLANET...
...BUT ALL THE-WHILE THEY SCHEME TO TAKE AWAY THE FEW CHILDREN THAT THE EARTH HAS LEFT!

THE CHILDREN HERE ARE ALL ORPHANS.
THE EARTH IS THEIR MOTHER.
OUR HOPE LIES IN THEM.
WE MUST ISOLATE THE EARTH FROM THE NET, AND SHIELD ITS MEANINGLESS INFORMATION FROM THESE CHILDREN.
TOGETHER WITH THESE CHILDREN, WE WILL SPAWN A NEW EARTH!
YES! FOR THE SAKE OF OUR BELOVED EARTH!
YEEEEAH!
AH HAHAHA!

AH!
EH?
WHO'RE YOU~~?
YEAH! FOOD!
HAS EVERYONE WASHED THEIR HANDS?
YEAH!!
WAIT, ED YOU HAVE TO GET IN LINE.
OH YEAH, LOOK HERE.
DO YOU REMEM-BER THIS?
YOU GAVE IT TO ME...
AAAH, YOU'RE THAT TOMATO KID WHO USED TO GET TEASED!
...YEAH, THAT'S ME.
HEY YOU KIDS, LISTEN WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU!
IS THIS KID REALLY THE RADICAL EDWARD?
I, I THINK SO...

AND SO, OUR HACKER GROUP IS COM-PLETE...
A GLUT OF INFOR-MATION HAS CREATED KIDS LIKE THESE.
WE WILL FIGHT AGAINST THIS POISON WITH THE SUM OF OUR MIGHT! PREPARE TO SEND OUT OUR DECLARATION!
YES SIR.
WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO DO IS ABSO-LUTELY FUTILE.
H---N
ED IS GOING TO GET SECONDS!
UH, ED.
I'VE...
...NEVER FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU, ED.

EVER SINCE WE MET AT THE CONVENT ...
HEY, HEY, YOU MAKIN' SOME-THING GOOD?
TELL ME, TELL ME, IS IT GOOD? IS IT GOOD?
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TELL ME!
IT'S A FIGHT! A FIGHT!
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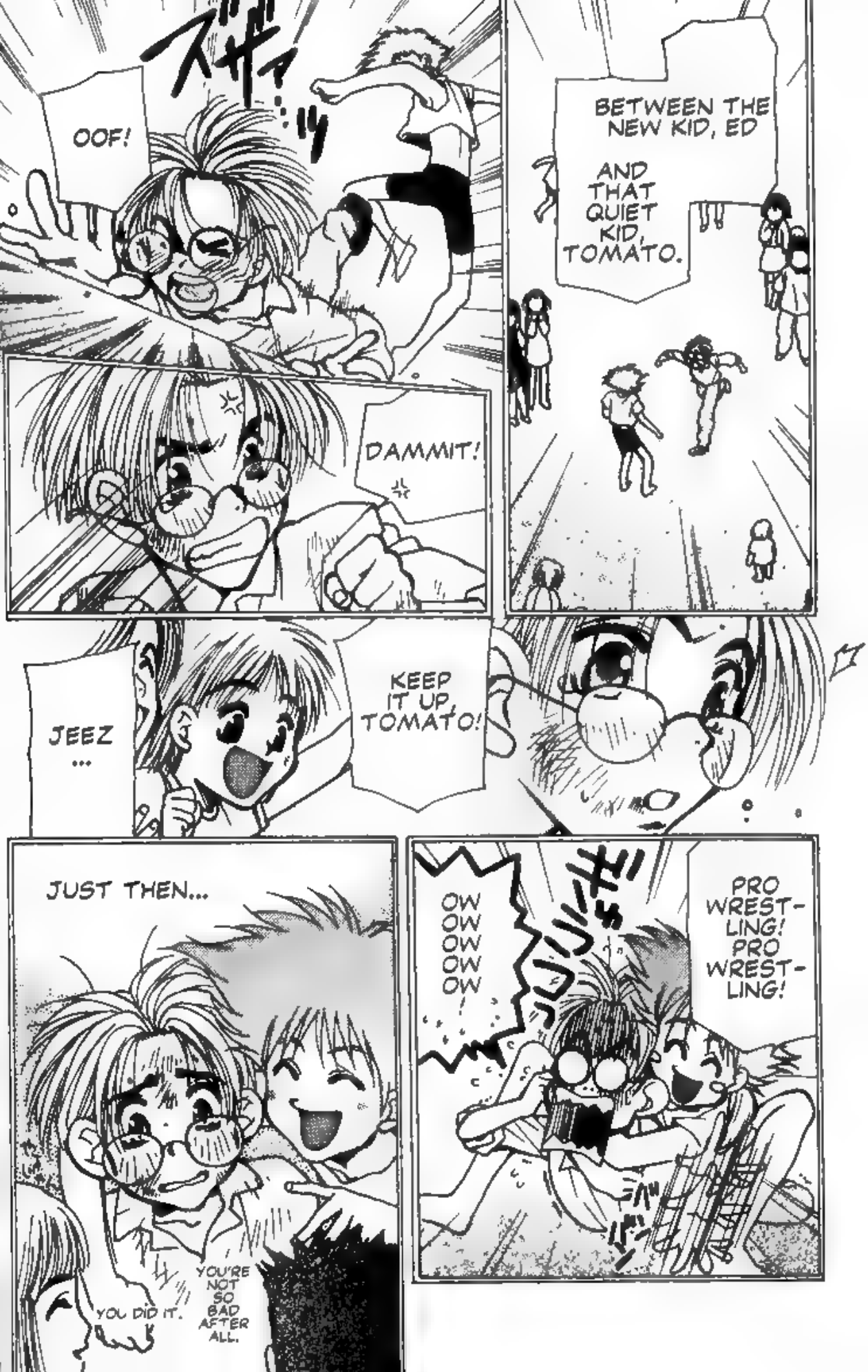
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BETWEEN THE NEW KID, ED
AND THAT QUIET KID, TOMATO.
DAMMIT!
JEEZ ...
KEEP IT UP TOMATO!
JUST THEN...
YOU DID IT.
YOU'RE NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL.
OW OW OW OW OW!
PRO WREST-LING! PRO WREST-LING!

...I SMILED FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I CAME HERE.

I'M SORRY.
...
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I'LL GIVE YOU SOME-THING GOOD.
SOME-THING ED MADE.

HUH?
UM, WHEN I GET THIS COMPUTER FINISHED, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU.
...THANKS.
--- EVER SINCE THEN...
YOU'RE NOT GETTING OUT OF HERE UNTIL YOU FEEL LIKE COOPERATING.

... I'M SORRY YOU GOT WRAPPED UP IN THIS
IT... IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT, ED?
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かあ
THEY WANT TO KEEP THE CHILDREN BORN ON EARTH FROM GOING INTO SPACE.
THEY'VE GATHERED TOGETHER ALL THE BEST CHILD HACKERS...
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT COMPUTER VIRUS WE PLAYED AROUND WITH A LONG TIME AGO?
THESE GUYS STOLE IT...
BUT THEIR PLAN IS MISS-ING A VITAL COMPONENT. THAT'S WHY THEY BROUGHT YOU HERE, ED.
... TO USE OUR VIRUS TO TRY TO BLOCK THE NET.

WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!
IF WE DO WHAT THEY SAY, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE BEBOP!
I'M SORRY. I TOLD THEM ABOUT YOU.
BUT SEEING YOU AGAIN, EVEN LIKE THIS, I, I...
IT'S OKAY.
WE'RE DONE FOR.
WE'RE GONNA DIE, I JUST KNOW IT...

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WHA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
!?
LIFT ME UP.
WE'LL GO OUT FROM THERE.
WE, CROZ, ARE MAKING OUR DECLARATION

IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE EARTH'S FUTURE, WE ARE LOCKING OUT THE NET.
FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, NOT A SINGLE MESSAGE WILL REACH EARTH.
WE DID NOT TERRORIZE YOU FOR MALICE OR PERSONAL GAIN.
THIS ACTION IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE EARTH.
"CROZ," HUH? NEVER HEARD OF 'EM.

ALMOST AS SLOPPY AS YOUR OWN, FAYE.
DOESN'T THAT SEEM AMA-TEURISH TO ANYONE ELSE?
THEIR METHODS ARE WAY TOO SLOPPY.
PUMPKIN-HEADED TERRORISTS, EH?
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS THEN, FAYE?
QUIET!
THEY DON'T JIVE WITH THE TIMES. THE'YRE REAC-TIONARY.
THEY CALL THEMSELVES NET TERRORISTS, YET THEY WANT TO ISOLATE THEMSELVES FROM THE NET.
A COMPUTER PRO.
THAT'S WHY THEY NEED ED!
THEY SEEM TO HATE THINGS LIKE NET COM-MUNI-CATION.
THAT'S NOT A HACKER PROFILE.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER INCIDENTS SIMILAR TO THIS ONE?
I DON'T GET ANY HITS ON "CROZ."
WHAT ABOUT "PUMPKIN HEAD?"
CUTTING OFF POWER?
CODE-BREAKING?
CLIMBING THE ANTENNA?
THERE'S A 100 WOOLONG BOUNTY!
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?
BINGO!

Pumpkin head
100ft
THAT GUY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?
A CREEPY LOOKING GUY NAMED "RICARDO" SEEMS TO BE BEHIND IT.
WOW
THINGS MIGHT NOT BE AS BAD AS THEY SEEM.
MAGNIFY THE AREA HERE, OUTSIDE THE WINDOW.
SO, ALL OF THESE INCIDENTS HAPPENED ON EARTH...
TH, THAT'S ...

WHY WOULD THEY CREATE A FAKE BACK-DROP ON EARTH?
PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT ON EARTH.
HUH?
THE BACK-GROUND IS FAKE!
HERE WE GO.
A LOG OF ALL SHIPS THAT HAVE TAKEN OFF FROM EARTH RECENTLY.
IF WE SEARCH FOR A SHIP THAT DIDN'T COME OUT OF THE GATE...
LOOK AT THEIR LAUNCH AND LANDING DATA...
AND ADD THAT TO THE LOCATION OF THAT KID'S TRANSMISSION ...
HERE!

THAT PLACE GETS HIT BY A LOT OF METE-ORITES.
PERFECT FOR HIDING.
... WELL,
ARE WE GONNA GO OR WHAT?
WHERE ARE WE GOING, EH?
...HEY, ED.
IF THOSE GUYS FIND US, THEY'RE GONNA KILL US, ED!
NO WORRIES, NO WORRIES.
EEEP!
HA HA HA

I'M GOING TO DIE.
ED, MY ONLY CONSOLATION IS THAT I COULD SEE YOU ONE MORE TIME BEFORE ...
I, WELL... EVER SINCE THEN, I, I'VE...
ALWAYS ...
THERE IT IS!
E, ED...?!
--- THIS IS THE HANGAR...

AAAAH!
IT'S THE BEBOP!
HEEEY! HEEEY!
EEH?
WH, WHERE?
OH... IT'S GONE.
WAS IT REALLY THE BEBOP, ED?
STOP, ED! YOU CAN'T JUST GO IN THERE.
HEH HEH.

AH
...I
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THE EARTH FROM SPACE.
IT'S BEAUTIFUL .....

ED...?
..DAISY!
HOLD IT! LOOK AT THIS!
!
WE COULD SCAN FOR HEAT SOURCES IN THE AREA, BUT...

LOOK! THOSE METEORS ...
THOSE MARKS COULD ONLY MEAN ONE THING.
NO ONE ELSE WOULD BE AS SILLY.
LET'S GO GET ED BACK.
WH, WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ED?
H, HOLD IT.
ALMOST THERE.
ISN'T THAT OUR VIRUS?

ED
HELLO VIRUS----
WAIT, AAAGH!
THIS IS DANGEROUS!
DON'T KNOW.
WH, WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?
AAAAUGH!
WHAT'RE YOU KIDS DOING?
COME HERE!

E...
ED, RUN!!
WH, WHAT ?!

AAAUGH
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WHAT THE...?
WHAT HAPPENED?!
PAPA RICARDO, EMER-GENCY!
ED!

ED!
WHEEEE
STOP!

GEH
GAH
AW COME ON, WHAT'S WITH THESE GUYS?
THEY REALLY ARE AMA-TEURS, AREN'T THEY?
GUESS SO.
SPIKE.
WE'VE WALKED INTO SPACE DAY CAMP.

PAPA CAUGHT ED.
THEY'RE IN THE CONTROL ROOM
STOP THE VIRUS.
PUT EVERYTHING BACK THE WAY IT WAS, NOW.
FINE.
WELL THEN, HURRY AND...
AS LONG AS YOU STOP DOING BAD THINGS, MISTER.

WH, WHY YOU...
BUT, EVERY-ONE FEELS TRAPPED.
BAD THINGS?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE'RE DOING THIS FOR YOU.
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AI YAI YAI YAI YAI YAI YAI
DON'T HURT ED!
SWITCH IT BACK RIGHT NOW! SWITCH IT BACK!
OR ELSE I'LL HURT YOU!
N, NO!
HEY. YOU WORKED WITH HER ON THE VIRUS TOO, DIDN'T YOU?
STOP IT, NOW.

I'VE HAD IT WITH BEING AT THE MERCY OF ADULTS!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...
I'M... WE'RE ONLY THINKING OF YOUR FUTURE!
H--I! HOLD IT RIGHT THERE.
ARE WE CRASHING A PARTY?
FAYE-FAYE! SPI-SPI~~~!
SHIT!

LET ME GO!
COME QUIETLY, OLD MAN. I DON'T WANNA HAFTA GET ROUGH WITH YOU.
JUST GIVE UP.
DAMMIT! YOU WERE RAISED IN SPACE, WHAT DO YOU KNOW? ISOLATING OURSELVES FROM THE NET IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN!
WE HAVE TO DO WHAT EVER WE CAN TO SUCCEED,
FOR THE CHILDREN...
THAT'S FUTILE!
NO MATTER WHAT YOU TRY TO HIDE FROM US, WE'RE BOUND TO FIND IT SOME TIME.
NO ONE CAN KEEP KNOWL-EDGE FROM SPREAD-ING!

WE YEARN TO KNOW...
...ABOUT SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS.
NOT JUST ABOUT THE EARTH.
WE ARE FREE.
FROM NOW ON, WE WILL JUDGE FOR OURSELVES THE VALIDITY OF WHAT WE LEARN.
AFTER ALL...
THAT'S HOW YOU'VE BEEN ALLOWED TO LIVE YOUR LIFE. WE DESERVE THE SAME.

I...
I...
MY EARTH IS...
...POOR OLD MAN
JUST LIKE WHEN A PARENT TRIES TO HIDE DIRTY BOOKS FROM A CURIOUS CHILD WHO EVENTUALLY FINDS THEM.
HIDING THINGS FROM KIDS IS USELESS.
CHILDREN HAVE A NATURAL NOSE FOR SNIFFING OUT SECRETS.
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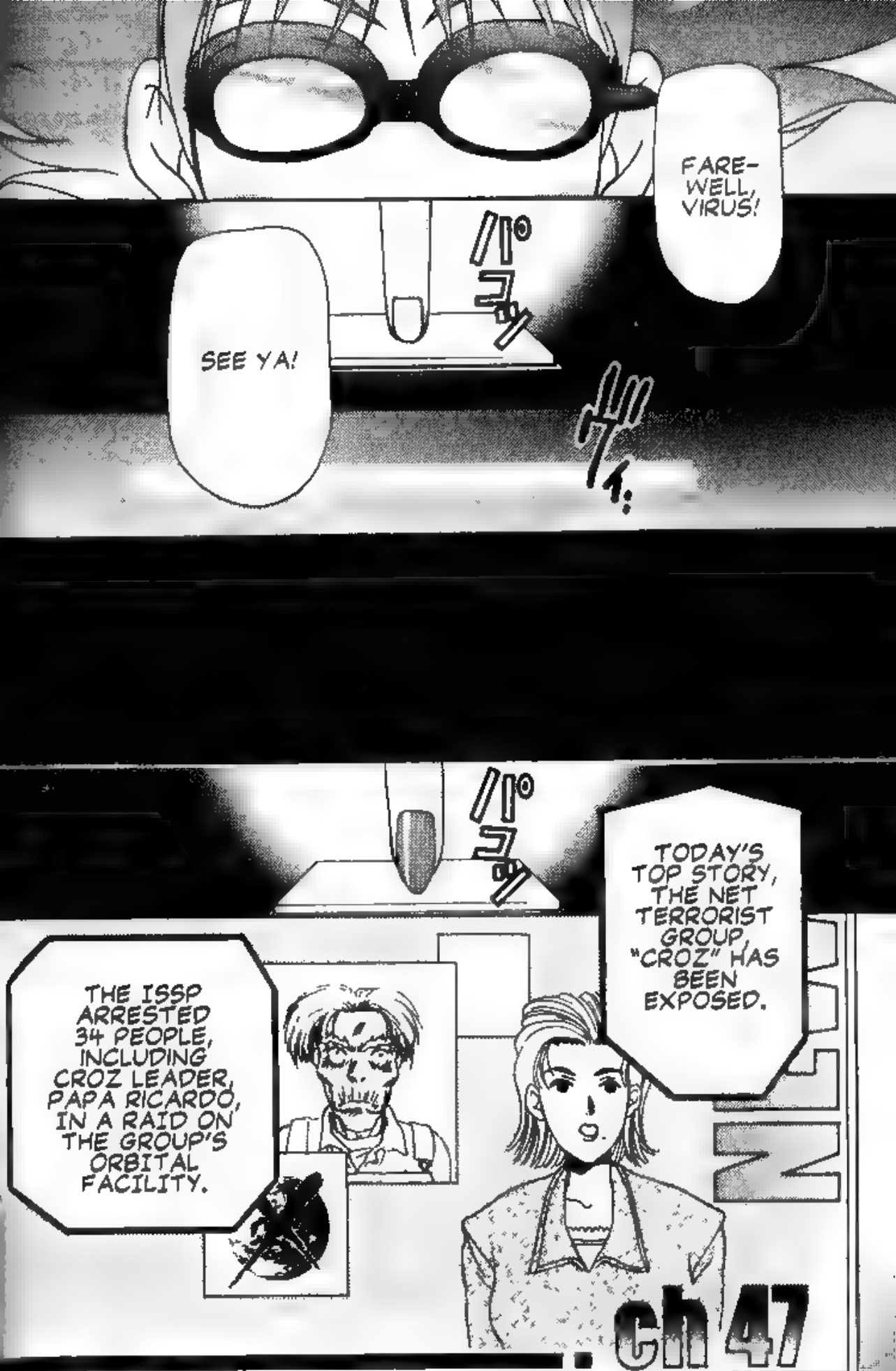
FARE-WELL, VIRUS!
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SEE YA!
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TODAY'S TOP STORY, THE NET TERRORIST GROUP "CROZ" HAS BEEN EXPOSED.
THE ISSP ARRESTED 34 PEOPLE, INCLUDING CROZ LEADER, PAPA RICARDO, IN A RAID ON THE GROUP'S ORBITAL FACILITY.
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CHILDREN ABDUCTED BY THE GROUP HAVE BEEN SAFELY RELEASED,
AND SHORTLY WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR PARENTS OR TO A SHELTER ---
HEY PARD-NERS, WE HAVE SOME DISAP-POINTING NEWS...
...ABOUT THE BIG MONEY BOUNTY ON RADICAL EDWARD.
UNFORTUNATELY, THE BOUNTY ON HIM HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
IT TURNS OUT HE WAS MISTAKEN FOR THE NET TERRORIST GROUP CROZ.
AND CHEER UP EVERYONE!
GOOD LUCK AGAIN TOMORROW!

AFTER ALL THAT,
JUST 100 MEASLY WOO-LONGS.
YIPPEE! BEBOP~ BEBOP!
EIN!
WE DRAGGED THE STREETS, WE SPACEWALKED ...

THAT KID, TOMATO. HE LOOKED PRETTY SAD WHEN HE HAD TO SAY GOODBYE TO YOU.
DO YOU THINK HE LIKES YOU?
HEY, ED.
THAT OLD MAN PROBABLY WON'T BE OUT FOR A WHILE.
I'M HOME, EIN!
WOOF!

I LIKE HIM TOO.
YEAH.

ED.
SOMEDAY, I WILL RETURN TO SPACE, TOO.
MY OWN WAY...
...FOL-LOWING MY OWN HEART!

COWBOY BEBOP

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A TERRORIST PLOT TO SABOTAGE THE INTERNET, A MAFIA/GOVERNMENT CONSPIRACY, AND A TRUCK DRIVING WIMP CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE - THE L FE OF BOUNTY HUNTERS LIKE JET BLACK CAN BE RELATIVELY EXCIT NG. COWBOY BEBOP VOLME 3 ALSO TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT EDWARD, THE PLAYFUL, CAPR CIOUS, ENIGMAT CALLY OPAQUE CHILD HACKER ON THE BEBOP, AS HER PAST CATCHES UP WITH HER N THE FORM OF A COMPUTER V RUS SHE DEVELOPED YEARS AGO ON EARTH. AND SPIKE MAY HAVE FOUND A GHOST FROM HIS PAST MANIFEST IN THE MOST UNLIKELY OF PLACES.

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SKIPPED A PAGE! PAGE 87 WAS SKIPPED BECAUSE IT WAS THE SAME PICTURE IN THE FIRST CHAPTER. JUST TRY NG TO SAVE TIME AND BANDWIDTH FOR EVERYONE. I ALSO SA D THAT THIS WAS THE LAST VOLUME, LAST CHAPTER BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THEY HAVE MORE. GO CHECK OUT THEIR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO. TH S CHAPTER WIL ALSO PROBABLY BE SPLIT INTO FOUR PARTS. WAY TOO MANY PAGES!
ENJOY!!!

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THERE IT IS!

HARD TO BELIEVE THIS LITTLE THING COULD BE SO POW-ERFUL...

SO LONG SYLVIA.

HEY, ED.
YEAH... I'LL BE TAKING AN UNREGISTERED TRUCK.
LATER.
IT'S ME.
I GOT IT.
I'M HEADING OVER THERE NOW.
HAVE THE MONEY READY WHEN I GET THERE.

HAND ME THE DRIVER.
OK!
YEAH, PIECE 'O' CAKE. ALL I HAVE TO DO...
CAN YOU FIX IT?
AAUGH!

WHAT THE? HEY...
HA HA HA BOOM~~
SIGH...
I DON'T HAVE THE PARTS...
HA
ARE YOU IN A HURRY, SIR? YES, YES, I CAN TAKE YOU ANYWHERE!
LEAVE IT TO ME, MIKE YAMADA, TO TAKE YOU THERE QUICKLY, SAFELY, CHEAPLY, AND WITH A SMILE.

AH! SIR, SIR! IT'S CHEAP!
FAST! SAFE CHEAP! M. Yamada
HOW ABOUT YOU, SIR? WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO?
SI..
SIR, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
HUH ?
NOT REALLY. HA HA HA HA ...
MUST BE ROUGH HACKING IT ON YOUR OWN IN SUCH HARD TIMES.
WHAT'S UP, MIKE? BUSINESS IS SLOW?
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SIGH
...I'M SUCH A JOKE OF A FATHER...
YOU A TRUCKER?
Y YES! DO YOU HAVE ANY BAGS?
NO BAGS, JUST ME.

YES, YES. AND WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO?
I'M GOING TO VENUS. AND STEP ON IT.
WELL THEN, I'LL SEE IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER CUSTOMERS HEADING FOR VENUS AS WELL.
I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE RIDING WITH ME.
BUT THEN, THE FARE WOULD BE...
MONEY IS OF NO CONCERN. TIME, HOWEVER, IS. SO JUST TAKE ME TO YOUR TRUCK.
Y, YES SIR...

HURRY UP AND OPEN THE HATCH.
Y, YES SIR.
SHE MAY NOT LOOK LIKE A LUXURY RIG, BUT SHE WORKS JUST FINE.
I WASN'T EXPECT-ING HER TO LOOK GOOD.
PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT.
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE CRAMP-NESS.
OKAY SIR, WHICH GATE WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE? I RECOM-MEND...
GET OUT OF ORBIT FIRST.
RIGHT, RIGHT.

FOLLOW THIS COURSE.
BUT....
THESE COORDINATES ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. JUST GO.
THERE'S NOTHING HERE, SIR.

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HEY, ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T MAKE SOME SORT OF MISTAKE.
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WH, WHAT ?!
WE'RE IN HYPER-SPACE?

I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE ANY GATES HERE!
A "SHORTCUT" NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT.
S, SIR, WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT...
?
GAH!
YOU'RE A SLIPPERY LITTLE WEASEL AREN'T YA.

PHEW. WE CAN FINISH THE REPAIRS NOW, I GUESS.
EH?
HEY JET! I FINALLY CAUGHT HIM.
SPIKE?
HE'S WORTH 1.5 MILLION WOO-LONGS.
COME PICK ME UP HERE AT VENUS.
IF WE DON'T HUSTLE TO MARS FOR THE BOUNTY...
JET?
SO, I'LL GO TO THE RENT-A-SHIP AND...
YOUR LICENSE ISN'T RENEWED YET!
WHEE
!?
TAKE A LOOK.

COME ON, THINK!
THE STATUTE OF LIMITATION ON HIM RUNS OUT IN 3 DAYS!?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
LOGIC TAKE A HOLIDAY, BOYS? WHAT ABOUT LOOKING FOR AN UNLICENSED TAXI?
SHIT!

ONLY 15 HOURS FROM MARS TO VENUS!
...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
UH, YES, LET'S SEE... 50 THOUSAND WOOLONGS
HOW MUCH ?
Charge ₩ 50000
Pay ₩ 500000
HEY, MR. YAMADA.
500 THOUSAND...

NOD
NOD
THE EXTRA CASH IS FOR YOUR SILENCE?
YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ME BEFORE.
I'M A FIGMENT OF YOUR IMAGINATION. GOT IT?
WELL, SEE YA.
I, I APPRECIATE IT.
SIR.

---YEAH, I'M ON VENUS NOW.
EEH? NO JOKE!
UNBE-LIEVABLE ISN'T IT?
HA HA HA. HOW'S LYNN? SHE ALREADY LEFT FOR SCHOOL?
YEAH, I'LL BE HEADING BACK NOW.
I'LL BE BACK BEFORE YOU ALL GO TO BED!
I CAN MAKE THE RUN TO MARS IN FIFTEEN HOURS.
WELL, DADDY'S THE FASTEST TRUCKER IN THE UNIVERSE! HAHAHAHAHA!

GASP
YOU GOIN' TO MARS?
Y, YEAH. NEED A LIFT, SIR?
I'LL MAKE IT CHEAP!

IMPOSSIBLE ...
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!?
IT'S GONE!
...THAT TRUCKIN' BASTARD!
I'M SORRY IT'S SMALL.
IS IT TOO TIGHT FOR YOU?

AS LONG AS WE GET THERE ALIVE.
HAHA! YOU HAVE MY WORD ON IT. MY MOTTO IS, "FAST, SAFE, AND CHEAP."
WE'LL BE ON MARS BEFORE YOU CAN BLINK.
I JUST BLINKED. ARE WE THERE YET?
SIR, YOU SAID YOU'RE A BOUNTY HUNTER?
HOW'S BUSINESS GOING?
SO-SO.
I GUESS, IN YOUR LINE OF WORK, THE WORSE THINGS ARE, THE BETTER YOUR BUSINESS?
I'M JEALOUS.

...HA.
A SWING-ING BACHE-LOR, EH? HEH.
THE BAD ECONOMY IS TAKING ME DOWN WITH IT. MAINTENANCE EATS UP MOST OF MY PROFITS, AND I HAVE A LITTLE GIRL IN SCHOOL, SO I HAVE TO PAY HER TUITION.
ARE YOU MARRIED, SIR?
I'VE BEEN DOING THIS JOB FOR A YEAR NOW, AND IT'S NOTHING BUT HARD.
HA HA HA
CHILDREN ARE NICE TOO. DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN, SIR?
BUT YOU KNOW
IT MUST BE SO NICE TO BE FREE.
DAUGHTERS ARE ESPECIALLY WONDERFUL.
IT'S NICE BEING A PAPA. HEH HEH HEH.
...HEY.

NOW, NOW, DON'T YOU WORRY, SIR.
THE GATE'S COORDI-NATES ARE...
YOU'RE HEADIN' THE WRONG WAY.
I KNOW A BIT OF A "SHORTCUT."
EEH?

IT COULDN'T BE... A "DARK GATE?"
THIS IS...
HAHAHA HEY, SIR.
THIS IS THE FASTEST SECRET IN THE UNIVERSE.
DID YOU SAY SOME-THING, SIR?
NEVER-MIND.
HM?

WA WATA- SHI WA NANDE-!
AHAAA!?
WHAT THE? WHOA--

Y, YOU!
YOU SHOULD'VE WARNED ME YOU WERE BEING FOLLOWED!
IT'S NOT ME!
THEY'RE SHOOTING AT US?!
EEEH ?!
SHIT!
STOP, YOU BASTARD!
IT, IT'S NO USE. WE'RE GONNA GET HIT.
WAAAA H!

I'M TAKING OVER, BUDDY.
AAAAAAUGH! I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET YOU ON!
KAUCKOO
AUGH!
IT'S NOT ME!
MOVE, YOU JALOPY!

DOES THIS THING HAVE ANY WEAPONS?
WHY WOULD I NEED WEAPONS?
DAMN

LYNN
KAZUKO

!!
SH... SHIT!
WHERE'D THEY GO?!
GUESS HE GAVE UP.

IT'S ALRIGHT NOW, BUDDY.
WE'RE AT THE MARS SPACE-PORT.
HOW MUCH DO I OWE YA?

GET OUT!!
HEY... SORRY IF I'M NOT LAYING ON THE PLEASANTRIES BUT I'M IN A HURRY HERE...
IT, IT, IT, IT, IT'S YOUR FAULT!
JUST GET OUT NOW!
RIGHT, BUT, HOW MUCH...
FORGET THE MONEY!
I HAVE A WIFE AND CHILDREN!
THIS IS NO JOKE! TH-THEY SHOT AT M-ME!

ALRIGHT, I'LL LEAVE. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.
BUT I'LL GIVE YOU SOME FREE ADVICE.
DAMN YOU, BOUNTY HUNTERS.
UGH.
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DISCOV-ERED THEM ...
?
... BUT YOU'D BETTER AVOID USING THE "DARK GATES," FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.
LATER.

... DARK GATES ?
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THEY?
OOMPF
HEY, YOU! GET UP!
WELL THEN, I GUESS I HAVE TO HITCHHIKE.

WHAT'S THIS?
UUGH...
YOU DIDN'T HAVE THIS WHEN I FRISKED YA.
SO YOU SWIPED IT FROM THE TRUCK, EH?
YOU HAVE SOME STICKY FINGERS ON YA ALRIGHT.
UUGH...
WELL, I'LL RETURN IT WHEN I'M NOT IN A RUSH.
LET'S GO.

SIS!
IT'S GOTTA BE JIMMY!
THE CREEP'S DISAP-PEARED!
THAT BRAT ...
WHAT DID I TELL YOU?
DAMN GOOD-FOR-NOTHING HUSTLER.
TOUGH
IT'D BE TERRIBLE IF THE BOSS HEARD ABOUT THIS...
SHUT UP, JANGO!

START SEARCHING FOR HIM!
GET THE CARD BACK BEFORE WE'RE EXPOSED!
YES MA'AM
JIMMY ...
YOU'LL FEEL THE PAIN ...
WHEN YOU DARE CROSS LADY SYLVIA!

WAKE UP, BUDDY.
HUH?
WHA ?
I SAID WAKE UP! COME ON!
OOF!
WHAT IS IT... YOU SAY YOU WANNA GET OFF...
Y, YOU'RE .....
DIDN'T YOU THINK I'D BE ABLE TO FIND YOU HERE? EH?
YOU GOT TUCK- ERED OUT TRYING TO GIVE ME THE SLIP, EH?
C, CARD? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHERE'S THE FREAKIN' CARD, ASSHOLE?!
HAND IT OVER!!

THAT GUY WHO WAS JUST HERE... IT WAS YOU?! THE DARK GATES...
!
YOU USED THE "SHORTCUT!"
AH!
DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME.
WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, BUDDY?
WH, WH, WH, WHA'A ?
GEH
DAMN!
WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT?
WEARING THE SAME SUIT AS YOU...
IT WAS HIM.
WHO TOLD YOU ?!
MY LAST CUSTOMER, RIGHT AFTER YOU, A BOUNTY HUNTER!

EEP!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE.
WH, WHAT? I...
THEN YOU'RE GOING TO FIND HIM AND BRING HIM BACK HERE.
YOU BETTER NOT BE JERKING ME, BUDDY.
IT'S THE TRUTH!
B, BUT I...
AND I'M IN A BIT OF TROUBLE RIGHT NOW. SO, IT WOULD BEHOOVE ME TO STAY OUT OF SIGHT.
NOW MOVE IT ...
OR YOU'LL NEVER ENJOY YOUR DOTAGE.

OH, WOOOW, ISN'T HE A DREAM BOAT, PUNCH?
WE HAVE A LAST MINUTE BOUNTY FOR YOU FOLKS.
A FRESH, NEW FACE!
Jimmy Wyeth
MORE POWER TO YOU, ALL YOU FEARLESS COWBOYS OUT THERE!
EH? NO WAY!
WEEE---LL, JUDY, HE'S BEING HUNTED DOWN BY THE MAFIA!
JUST SIGN THESE DOCUMENTS, AND WE'LL GET THE BOUNTY TO YOU. THANKS FOR YOUR WORK.
NOW, OUR NEXT TAR-GET ...
ARE YOU THE BOUNTY HUNTER ?
IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE.

DAMMIT...
W, WHAT DID I DO?
I WAS ONLY DOING MY JOB.
I PAY MY TAXES.
I'VE NEVER EVEN GOTTEN A TICKET. I'M A FINE, UPSTANDING CITIZEN.
SHIT.
DON'T WORRY. I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR TRUCK.
NO MESSING AROUND WITH IT. I NEED IT FOR MY BUSI-NESS. AND I'M NOT EVEN CLOSE TO PAYING IT OFF.
WHERE IN THE WORLD ---
...DID HE GO?!

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HOW DID YOU GET THIS CARD?
... THERE'S DATA ON IT ...
THIS IS
TAKE A LOOK. IT'S COMPATIBLE WITH THE SYSTEM.
OH? YOU'RE JUST AS MUCH OF A THIEF AS EVER.
OH, I PICKED IT UP.
HEY!
?
SPIKE. THIS THING'S DANGEROUS!
GATE MAP
WHAT'S NEW

SO YOU GOT IT BY CHANCE, HUH?
YEAH. THE TRUCKER I HITCHED WITH KNEW A "SHORT-CUT."
BUT HE DID-N'T SEEM LIKE HE KNEW WHAT THE DARK GATES ARE.
GATE MAP
OTHER GATE
WHAT
I THOUGHT YOU GOT BACK AWFULLY FAST.
A MAP OF THE DARK GATES?
HEY, THEY'VE JUST PUT A BOUNTY ON SOME GUY.
JET, DO A SEARCH ON THE MAFIA FAMILY THAT USES THE DARK GATES.
SOME-THING DOESN'T SMELL RIGHT.
LET'S NAB THAT GUY.

DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?
I, I'M JUST LOOKING FOR SOME-ONE.
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ORDER ANYTHING, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE. YOU'RE GETTING IN THE WAY.
HE'S ABOUT YOUR HEIGHT, ORIENTAL...
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WAH!

WHERE IN THE HELL COULD THAT BOUNTY HUNTER BASTARD BE?
SHIT!
Bar
-- DARK GATES, HUH? I'VE HEARD RUMORS OF THEM.

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ME TOO, WHEN I WAS IN THE ISSP.
I GUESS THEY ACTUALLY DO EXIST.
DARK GATES - SECRETS NOT ON THE MAP.
A DARK HYPERSPACE TUNNEL UNKNOWN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

AND I'M SURE THE GATE CORPORATION IS PULLING DOWN A NICE PROFIT OUT OF THIS, TOO.
THE DARK GATES ARE A SCAM ENGINEERED BY THE MAFIA SYNDICATES WITH TIES TO THE GATE CORPORATION. THEY WERE CREATED IN ABSOLUTE SECRECY ...
AND USED FOR SMUGGLING AND ESCAPE ROUTES. NOWADAYS, SOME REALLY DANGEROUS MERCHANDISE IS SHUFFLING THROUGH THOSE GATES.
AIL MAP
ED.
CAN YOU HACK INTO THE GATE CORPORATION?
OKAY!

WITH THE NAME "MIKE YAMADA."
ALRIGHT. MAKE UP AN EMPLOYEE I.D. ...
GATE, GATE ...
YIPPIE!
AYE AYE!
I'M GOING IN, TOO.
WE'LL MAKE IT A DOUBLE DATE.
DON'T BE LATE, NOW.

HELLO?
Y, YOU?
NO, NOT YET. YEAH, I JUST...
STOP FOOLING AROUND!
I'VE BEEN WAITING HERE FOREVER!
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST TORCH THIS RIG!

THIS CLUNKER WOULD PROBABLY BE WORTH MORE AS SCRAP.
NO, DON'T!
D, DON'T! THE LOAN STILL ...
I DON'T CARE!
OH? WELL, WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE? A FAMILY PICTURE?
SO YOU HAVE A LITTLE GIRL... HEH.
HOW PRECIOUS. WHAT'S HER NAME? EH?
H, HEY! WHAT ARE YOU...
FIND THAT BOUNTY HUNTER.
AND YOU'LL DO IT QUICKLY IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE YOUR TRUCK OR YOUR PRETTY LITTLE DAUGHTER AGAIN.

CLICK
...DAMN USELESS OLD MAN.
NICE PLACE FOR YOUR HANDS. KEEP THEM UP LIKE THAT.
I'VE BEEN LOOKIN' FOR YOU, JIMMY.

DAMMIT!
WHY ME?
WHAT DID I DO?
DAMMIT ALL!
SHIT ...
LYNN...!!
IF I DON'T FIND THAT GUY...
ANYONE, A...
HAS ANYONE SEEN THIS MAN?
THAT'S HARDLY A FLATTERING PICTURE.

YO.
I UNDER-STAND...
...YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOME-THING?
Y-Y-Y-Y-Y-Y-YOU!? IT'S YOU!
I WANT TO GIVE THIS BACK TO ITS OWNER.
TAKE ME TO HIM.
I I'M SAVED!
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THANK GOODNESS!
I'M SO RELIEVED!
HE--Y, SIR! I FOUND IT!
HUH ?
HOW STRANGE ... HE'S NOT HERE.
WHAT ...?!

GIVE ME THE CARD BACK.
HE'S OUT-SIDE?
WAAAAH!

STOP IT!
I DON'T HAVE INSUR-ANCE!
SHOOT. THEY'VE ALREADY GOT HIM.
SIR?!

SO NOW WHAT ...
"SO NOW WHAT?" IS THAT ALL YOU CAN SAY?
IF WE DON'T GET OUTTA HERE FAST ...
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WE, WE'RE GONNA GET KILLED!
AUGH!
THE KEY'S GONE!
.....
WH, WHAT'LL WE DO NOW?!
WAAAAAH!

USE THE CODE UNDER THE STEERING CASING TO START THE ENGINE.
EEH?
WH, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT STARTED!

THE CARD IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY!
SOME-HOW, I'M STILL ALIVE ...
I'M SAVED...

AND I EVEN GOT MY TRUCK BACK!
IT NEEDS REPAIRS THOUGH
THANK GOD THANK GOD
B, BUT, ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU JUST...
HN?
WELL, SIR, WHERE SHOULD I DROP YOU OFF?
?!
I THREW THEM A CONVEN-IENCE STORE STAMP CARD.
WHAT ARE YOU, AN IDIOT!
IF I HAD GIVEN IT BACK TO THEM, THEY WOULD HAVE KILLED US ANYWAY.
Y, YOU DON'T KNOW THAT! OH, THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!
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TO THEM IT DOES.
YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT THE DARK GATES.
WAAH!

WELCOME.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, JIMMY.
S-SYLVIA, I...
YOU'VE SURE CAUSED ME A LOT OF TROUBLE.

A CONVE-NIENCE STORE CARD
HE'S MAK-ING FUN OF US!
NOT YET. WE'RE FOLLOW-ING THE TRUCK RIGHT NOW.

I'LL DEAL WITH YOU LATER.
DID YOU FIND THE CARD?

IF WE GET EXPOSED, WE'LL ALL GET SENT TO AN ICE-BERG ON CALLISTO!
SHOOT IF YOU HAVE TO. DO WHAT-EVER YOU CAN.
JUST STOP THAT TRUCK!
Y-YES!
AAAUGH.
AUGH! IT'S ALL OVER! THEY'RE CATCHING UP TO US!

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
IF WE RUN, THEY'LL CHASE US DOWN AND KILL US. IF WE GIVE THE CARD BACK, THEY'LL MAKE SURE IT'S NOT A FAKE AND THEN KILL US.
HUH?
WE ATTACK.

WHA?!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
AAA
AAAAAAGH!
G, GET OUT OF THE WAY!

WE, WE'RE HIT!
I, I'M SORRY, SIS. WE CAN'T FOLLOW THEM ANYMORE!
... SHIT!
SLAP A BOUNTY ON THAT TRUCKER.
HA HA
HA HA HA ...
WE'LL GET THAT LITTLE SHIT NO MATTER WHAT IT COSTS, OR ELSE WE'RE ALL UP A CREEK..
LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE GIVEN UP.
ALL MY RETIREMENT MONEY...
... A MOUNTAIN OF HIGH INTEREST LOANS...
AND I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO BUY THIS TRUCK...
AAAAAGH!

LET'S GO TO THE POLICE!
EH?
...THE POLICE.
THAT'S A BAD DRAW.
WHY? WHY? WHY?
COME WITH ME! YOU'RE A WITNESS!
THAT'S NOT EXACTLY HOW IT WORKS.
WHAT, YOU WANT TO HAND OVER THE CARD AND COLLECT TEN PER-CENT?
AND ABOUT THEM DESTROYING MY LIFELINE TO A DECENT LIVING.
I'LL TELL THEM EVERYTHING! ABOUT THE CARD, ABOUT THE DARK GATES...
I WANT THE POLICE TO DESTROY THEM!

EXCUSE ME SIR, THERE'S SOMEONE HERE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT "DARK GATES."
YES, OKAY.
THAT'S RIGHT.
WOULD YOU PLEASE WAIT FOR JUST A MOMENT ...
UH, M-MA'AM ...
"DARK GATES," HUH?
GATE CORPORATION HEADQUARTERS
IF YOU DON'T COME OUT HERE NOW...
...IT'LL BE TOO LATE.

PLEASE LINE UP!
LINE UP!
THIS STINKS ...
THAT'S YOUR DAUGHTER?
SHE HAS YOUR EYES.
EH?
YOU THINK SO?
WELL, I GUESS SO. I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT.
YEAH, YEAH.
SHE'S CUTE, THOUGH ISN'T SHE? SHE'S THE APPLE OF MY EYE.
WANT TO SEE MORE?
.....
MORE?

LYNN ISN'T MY REAL DAUGHTER.
SHE'S MY WIFE'S CHILD.
BUT STILL, TO ME, SHE'S MY CHILD TOO.
SURE, WE'RE NOT CONNECTED BY BLOOD,
BUT I'LL PROTECT HER WITH MY LIFE, IF I NEED TO.
THERE'S NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN MY FAMILY.
YOU'RE A HAPPY GUY.
YEAH, I'M HAPPY.

THAT LITTLE GIRL IS, TOO.
OKAY, NEXT!
Y-YES, UM ...
WHAT IS IT?
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20,000
AND NOW, FOR THE NEXT BOUNTY!
UM, THE DARK GATES...

WHA...
BIG SHOT
20,000
EEW?
HEY, WHO LET GRANDPA OUT OF THE HOME.
IT'S "DANGEROUS MAN BEING HUNTED BY THE MAFIA," PART 2!
I'M ... A BOUNTY ....
I-IT'S NOTHING. UM, NEVERMIND. EXCUSE ME.
WHAT IS IT?
THESE GUYS ARE SERIOUS.
AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND ALL THAT.
IT WASN'T ME!

DO THEY THINK IT'S FUN KNOCKING AROUND AN OLD MAN LIKE ME?
SOME JOKE!
HOW COULD THIS... HOW COULD THIS... THE LOAN... MY DAUGHTER...
...SHIT! SHIT! SHIT! SHIT!
WELL, YOU DID USE THE "SHORT CUT," DIDN'T YOU?
AND YOU WANTED THE CARD, SO YOU TOOK IT, DIDN'T YOU?
IT'S ALL OVER. I'M A WANTED MAN.
SHIT!
DAMMIT! WHY ARE THOSE BASTARDS JUST ALLOWED TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANT!
COME ON, HELP ME HERE!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?! I...
IT'S ALL UP TO YOU NOW.
THIS IS YOUR PROBLEM.
I'M JUST A COWBOY.

YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT ME.
YEAH... SYLVIA
YOU'RE SO BEAU-TIFUL.
I LOVE YOU.
SIS!
MMN, YOU'RE A REALLY BAD BOY.
... UP TO ME...

KNOCK BEFORE YOU ENTER!
I, I'M SORRY, BUT YOU NEED TO SEE THIS.
THAT TRUCKER, MIKE YAMADA, IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE GATE CORPORATION!
WHAT?!
YAMADA
91-N
SHIT! I THOUGHT THIS WAS WEIRD FROM THE START!
SO WHOEVER SWIPED THE CARD IN THE FIRST PLACE WAS AN INSIDER....
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO INVESTIGATE THE SOURCE.
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE FIGHTING AMONGST OURSELVES!
THANKS TO US, THE CORPORATION HAS BEEN LIVING IT EASY.
AFTER ALL THIS TIME, WHY WOULD THEY SUDDENLY POSITION TO DRIVE US OUT?

SIS.
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
A CALL FOR YOU, MA'AM.
LATER. I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF SOME-THING.
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B, BUT IT'S FROM A MAN NAMED MIKE YAMADA. HE WANTS TO MAKE A DEAL.
THIS IS SYLVIA.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
...I WANT TO GIVE BACK THE CARD.
THE PRICE IS 50 MILLION.
GATE CORPORATION
SO YOU'RE SAYING THE TIP-OFF WE GOT FROM THE WOMAN IS TRUE?

MIKE YAMADA...
THIS IS THE ISSP FILE ON HIM. EVERY-ONE IN THE SYNDICATE HAS ONE.
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
UNFORTUNATELY, YES.
SO, A SYNDI-CATE TRAITOR IS TRYING TO SHAKE UP THE GATE CORPORATION?
EXCUSE ME.
WHAT IS IT? I'M BUSY.
I'M SORRY, BUT...
WE JUST GOT AN ANONYMOUS E-MAIL INFORMING US THAT A MAN NAMED MIKE YAMADA IS CUTTING A DEAL WITH THE SYNDICATE...

ONE FAKE GATE CORPORATION PHOTO I.D. SENT TO THE SYNDICATE: CHECK...
ONE FAKE ISSP DOSSIER SENT TO THE GATE CORPORATION: CHECK.
MADA
HEE HEE --- TWO FAKE MIKES!
GOOD WORK.
THEY TOOK THE BAIT.
THE REST IS UP TO YOU,
TRUCKER.

EVEN WITHIN THE SYNDICATE, ONLY A HANDFUL KNOW ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF THE DARK GATES.
Beer
I, I HIT IT!
HA HA HA! I HIT IT!
WHA!
SIGH... I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT I ACTUALLY BOUGHT A GUN...
AND THEY ARE EXTREMELY PROTECTIVE OF THE SECRET.
...AND I AM PRACTICING TO SHOOT PEOPLE...

IF YOU MAKE A DEAL WITH THEM, THEY'LL USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STRIKE.
IS THIS ...
...THE CONTACT PLACE FOR THE SYNDICATE?
YEAH.
WHY... ARE YOU TELLING ME ALL THESE THINGS?
...YOU BEAR A RESEMBLANCE TO SOMEONE WHO HELPED ME OUT ONCE. I'M JUST RETURNING THE FAVOR WITH GOOD KARMA.
AL-RIGHT, THEN
LYNN...
KAZUKO...

DADDY'S GONNA FIGHT...
FOR YOU.
BOOM!...
YOU GOT
AH, IT'S FROM MIKE.
NO.
SPI-SPI'S STRANGE.
ALRIGHT. PATCH HIM THROUGH.
HOW ABOUT IT, ED?
DO I LOOK LIKE ONE OF THOSE GOONS FROM THE SYN-DICATE OR WHAT?

I-I WA-WA-WANNA MAKE A DEAL WITH YOU. I-IN RETURN FOR THIS CARD.
H-HAND OVER 5 MILLION WOOLONGS!
YO. ARE YOU MIKE YAMADA ?
5... THAT'S TOO CHEAP.
W-WHAT DID YOU SAY?
NO-THING. I GOT YA.
O-OKAY, THAT'S FINE.
I'LL GET IT SOON. MEET ME AT THIS ADDRESS AND HAVE THE CARD WITH YOU.
AYE AYE!
ED, THE TIP-OFF TO THE ISSP, IF YOU PLEASE.

AND NOW,
FOR THE FINISHING TOUCH.
NO FUNNY BUSINESS, RIGHT, BUDDY?

TH-THAT'S A LOT...
SHOW IT TO ME.
TH-THE MONEY?!
I-IT'S RIGHT HERE.
AND WHERE'S THE CARD?
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE.

YOU AIN'T IN CHARGE OF SHIT, FUZZ!
WHAT?
WHAT THE? YOU'RE ...
YAMADA AND THAT CARD ARE COMING WITH US.
WE'RE IN CHARGE OF THIS SITUA-TION.
SIS!
LET'S WHACK THESE PIGS!
EH? HOLD IT...
WAAAH!
SHIT. THEY'RE DRAWIN' BLOOD!
H-HEY!
DAMMIT! IT'S A STING!

MIKE, EH?
UH, UMM ...
HEY.
EEEK!
MIKE YAMADA!
THERE'S A BOUNTY ON YOUR HEAD!
SHHH.
Y, YOU?

DO IT.
A BOUNTY HUNTER GRABBED YAMADA!
SHOULD I ENGAGE IN PURSUIT, SIR.
I'M TAKING YOU IN!
WHAT ?!
A BOUNTY HUNTER'S SNAKED THE SNITCH!!
I'M ON 'EM.
YES, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE SUITS.
RUN!
HURRY!
WAAH! HO- HOLD IT!

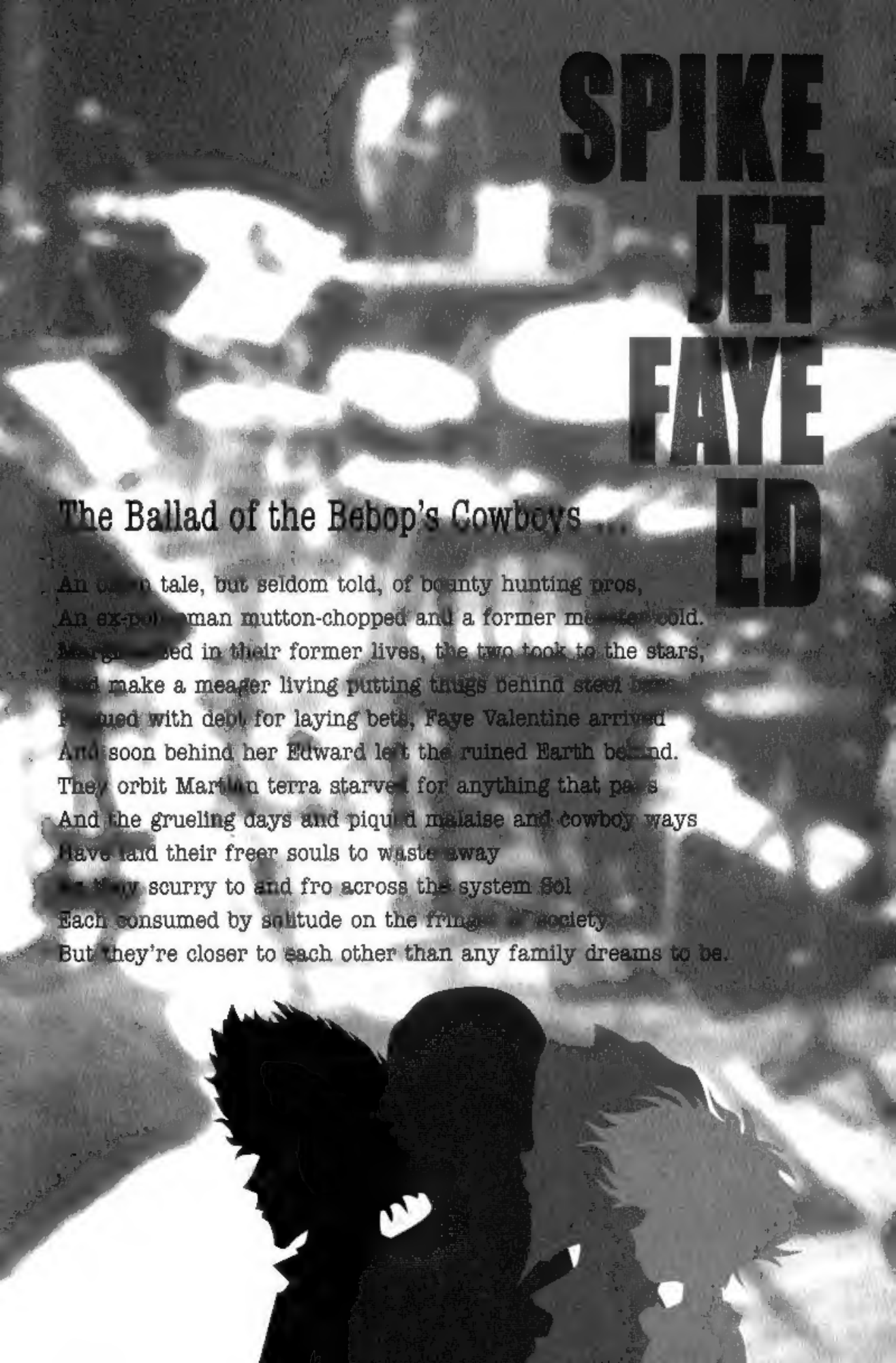
WE HAVE YOU SURROUNDED
PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPONS AND SURRENDER.
WH, WHAT THE ?!
OH NO, IT COULDN'T BE...

...IN THE WORLD...
...JUST HAPPENED HERE?
あれ?
OOOH~ IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU, MY PRETTY LITTLE TREAS-URES.
SIGH
TREASURE! TREASURE!
WE CAN FIX THE BEBOP UP REALLY GOOD NOW.
はぁ
WE REALLY SHOULD THANK THAT GUY. UMM, WHAT WAS HIS NAME AGAIN?
WELL, THANKS TO US, THE SYNDICATE HAS DISSOLVED.
AND THEIR MOLES IN THE GATE CORPORATION HAVE BEEN ROOTED OUT.
AND THE BOUNTY ON THAT GUY HAS BEEN LIFTED.

I BET RIGHT NOW HE'S HAPPILY BACK IN HIS LIFE AS A REGULAR TRUCKER.
YOU THINK, SPIKE?
I DON'T THINK SO... I GOT THE IMPRES-SION HE WANTED TO CHANGE JOBS.
THAT'S TRUE- AND HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW IT.
THIS MONEY IS THE PRICE HE PAID FOR THAT.
HE'S FREE TO LIVE THE REST OF HIS LIFE A REG-ULAR MAN, IN A REGU-LAR JOB, WITH A REGULAR WIFE AND KID.
HMM ?
OUR LITTLE BRUSH WITH DANGER MAY HAVE SET HIM ON A NEW PATH...
HUH?
OH!
I'M GOING TO GO GET A LICENSE.
WAIT, I'M NOT HAVING AN AFFAIR OR ANYTHING.
N-NOT AT ALL.

I'M GOING TO GET A LICENSE TO BE A "COWBOY," A BOUNTY HUNTER!*
NO, NOT FOR A CAR.
...A MIDDLE-AGED "COWBOY," HUH?
THERE ARE OVER 300 THOUSAND BOUNTY HUNTERS IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM. HOW YA'ALL DOOIN'?
WE HAVE SOME GREAT BOUN-TIES FOR ALL OF YOU TODAY!

*(NOTE: THE KANJI READS "BOUNTY HUNTER," THE FURIGANA READS "COWBOY" - THIS DEMONSTRATES THAT THE AUTHOR CONSIDERS THE TWO WORDS SYNONYMOUS. SEE YA' SPACE BOUNTY HUNTER.)


SPIKE
JET
FAYE
ED
The Ballad of the Bebop's Cowboys ...
An [illegible] tale, but seldom told, of bounty hunting pros,
An ex-[illegible]man mutton-chopped and a former [illegible] cold.
[illegible]ed in their former lives, the two took to the stars,
[illegible] make a meager living putting thugs behind steel
[illegible]ued with debt for laying bets, Faye Valentine arrived
And soon behind her Edward left the ruined Earth behind.
They orbit Mars in terra starved for anything that pays
And the grueling days and piqued malaise and cowboy ways
Have laid their freer souls to waste away
[illegible]y scurry to and fro across the system fol
Each consumed by solitude on the fring[illegible]ociety
But they're closer to each other than any family dreams to be.